

MEN WHO STRIVE FOR FAVOR OF UNCLE SAM

Foreign Nations Send Their Best Men to Washington—
Seven Governments Represented in the Diplomatic
Corps at the National Capital of the United States.

The diplomatic corps is the most conspicuous feature of society in Washington, which is explained by the charm that glitter and tinsel, gold lace and nodding plumes have for the average republican.

The diplomatic corps has grown greatly in size and importance since the foundation of the government, at which period the authorities were troubled at the indifference and delay shown by foreign nations in recognizing the nation born on this side of the water. The diplomatic corps in Washington's administration



Sir Michael Herbert,
British Ambassador.

would make a sorry showing beside the imposing body which now represents the foreign governments at this capital.

Seven governments are now represented by ambassadors at Washington—Germany, Russia, Mexico, Italy, Great Britain, Austria-Hungary and France. The ambassadors take precedence of the ministers plenipotentiary and envoys extraordinary, and rank, according to the official code generally accepted, after the vice-president and before the cabinet.

The late Lord Pauncefote was the first ambassador to present his credentials to this government and until his death was the dean of the diplomatic corps. He was succeeded by Dr. von Holleben, the oldest ambassador, according to length of service. Dr. von Holleben is now on leave of absence.

No other member of the British diplomatic service is so well equipped to cultivate friendly relations between his own and this government as the present British ambassador. He is a member of a family that for generations has taken an active part in the history of the state, a man of cleverness, tact and culture, whose marriage to an American and long residence on this side of the water have taught him to understand the American character, customs, institutions and traditions.

Moreover, while he was attached to the legation as secretary under Lord Pauncefote he became the intimate friend of Theodore Roosevelt. The latter and the English secretary sprang through the suburbs together, rode across country, passed evenings with each other and became warm personal friends.

The German emperor, who is credited with a strong desire to cement the



Count Cassini,
Russian Ambassador.

friendship of his country with this, with the shrewd diplomatic sense for which he is noted, determined to place at the head of his embassy here a man who would equal the British ambassador in talents, family, wealth, tact and connections on this side of the water.

Dr. von Holleben's alleged mistakes were seized upon by the emperor as an excuse to summon him to Germany and to appoint as temporary head of the embassy Freiherr Speck von Sternburg, minister and envoy on extraordinary mission. The story of Baron von Sternburg's career is almost identical with that of the British ambassador. He comes from an old Saxon house, his mother was of Scotch origin and he was born at Leeds, England, where his father was engaged in business, but returned to Germany to inherit the title and estates that came to him by the death of the head of his family. Baron or Freiherr von Sternburg—he prefers the older German title—speaks English as fluently as he does his native tongue. He passed the early years of his life in England, where he learned the characteristics of the Anglo-Saxon race to which he is allied. His long residence in America

as a member of the legation and the embassy staff, when it was raised to that rank, gave him the opportunity to become acquainted with the American character.

He, too, is married to an American wife, the daughter of a prominent Kentucky family, which in the last generation removed to California, where the foundation of the large fortune which the Baroness von Sternburg now enjoys was laid. His wife is a woman of great beauty and infinite tact, sympathy and magnetism.

The present dean of the corps is Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, who has been stationed in Washington since 1898, and is a trained diplomatist. It is a matter of complaint among some of his colleagues that his adopted daughter, who is not and could not have the rank of an ambassador—a rank which only the wife of an ambassador is entitled to—has practically that position, because as the daughter of the dean, she invariably accompanies him to social and official functions, and it is not an easy matter to separate a young woman from her escort, especially when that escort is her father.

He is an astute diplomatist and Russia owes much of the power and influence she enjoys in the East to his agency when acting as her minister in Peking. There are few matters of diplomatic importance between this country and Russia. The ambassador is more or less a figurehead, and the main thing is that he should be a good figurehead and make an impression commensurate with the immense power he represents.

France followed the tactics of England and Germany in appointing as her representative to this country a diplomatist with an American wife, for Mme. Jusserand, although born in Paris, is the daughter of American parents. M. Jusserand is without doubt one of the most eminent members of the French diplomatic service. He is a scholar and has not been



J. J. Jusserand,
French Ambassador.

content with mastering the intricacies of diplomacy, but has devoted himself to the study of history and contributed to the literary world many valuable works upon Anglo-Saxon history.—New York Sun.

IN NEW YORK YACHT CLUB.

German Emperor Now a Member of
Famous Organization.

An officer of the New York Yacht club is quoted as expressing the belief that the German emperor has long repented of the treatment which in past years he is credited with having put upon members of that organization. Years ago an official of the New York Yacht club said: "Emperor William never will be able to get into the club owing to the way he has treated American yachtsmen in German waters. He has gone out of his way to offer insults to our club members and other American yacht owners and it makes our blood boil!" The same official points several reasons for belief that the emperor has heard of the remarks quoted. "For instance," he says, "the Meteor was designed and built in this country and Prince Henry came over to establish entente cordiale." The club forgave and now the kaiser and his uncle, King Edward, are on the list of honorary members. It is said that the invitation to the kaiser went through George W. Perkins at Mr. Morgan's suggestion. Perkins became a regular member last year.

President Pleased Children.

President Roosevelt directed Col. Bingham to throw open the south-grounds of the white house to the children on Easter Monday for egg rolling, as has been the custom many years. The President also directed the acting secretary of the navy to order the marine band to give the usual open-air concert for the entertainment of the little egg rollers.

Building Under Difficulties.

A cotton mill to be built at Quito, the capital of Ecuador, must be carried on the backs of mules through the Andes, passing a point 16,000 feet in altitude.

Winter Homes for Squirrels.

A score of little houses were put in the trees in the upper part of Central Park, New York, as winter homes for the gray squirrels.

Large Industry for Seattle.

A company has been formed at Seattle with a capital of \$5,000,000 to build an iron furnace and steel plant in that city.

IN WOMAN'S INTEREST

Dinner Gown in Yellow Taffeta.
The dinner gown illustrated is of yellow taffeta striped with tiny pale pink rosebuds. The fichu is of white chiffon, frilled with lace, and the sleeves have chiffon and lace ruffles to match. The hat is white panne velvet with a fold of yellow around



the crown, and against the coiffure at the back pale yellow daisies are massed.



HOUSEHOLD TALKS

Borax will take berry stains from the hands.

Sore eyelids can be cured by bathing them in quite warm water in which a little borax has been dissolved.

Mustard will take the odor of onions from the hands.

Ammonia applied to insect bites or stings gives speedy relief.

Tomato juice will remove many kinds of vegetable and fruit stains from the hands.

Two or three tablespoonsful of vinegar put on tough meat when baking or boiling, will make it tender without injuring the flavor.

Stove blacking mixed with vinegar will not burn off.

Ivy poison can be cured by applying hot vinegar to the affected parts as soon as perceived.

For Summer Gowns.

Heavy linen laces, inset with Holland linens, give a distinctive look to some of the smartest summer gowns just out, the white predominating. But these Holland linens in pale and dark blue, delicate green, gun metal gray, tan and cream shades, are charming made up with tulle, mull, and other linen laces. They are shown in separate walking skirts, shirt waists and full shirt-waist suits. With mull ties and linen belts with silver buckles these gowns are as pretty and cool as possible.

Brilliant Blue in Favor.

Beautiful, brilliant blue of the true sapphire hue gains more and more in favor. When it was introduced a year or more ago womanhood was afraid of it, and only the most daring of the ultra-fashionables would touch it at all. While an entire hat of it may not be advisable, there's no denying a smart ostrich feather caught to the side or back of a black turban is tremendously effective.

Whole sapphire blue evening dresses are especially admired by fair ones possessing valuable jewels in the shape of sapphires. When the body is of sapphire blue spangles it must be admitted that the effect is

stagey, even suggesting a mermaid in her home in the sapphire sea. More refined effects are in chiffon over various paler shades of blue. Cleverly managed with chintilly applique stunning effects may be had.

Lace Knots for the Hair.

Knots of lace make pretty hair ornaments. Inch wide lace is wired in the shape of a square bow, two loops and two ends. In the center is fastened a tiny algrette and a small rhinestone ornament. Silver pallottes are sewed to the lace at intervals. Ribbon bows are left with one end unfastened that it may be wound round the coil of hair when the coiffure is small.

Rosettes of tulle are mounted on gilt wire pins and are very dainty in the hair.

Rosettes made of tulle are shown in pairs to be worn on dancing slippers. A small rhinestone ornament is fastened in the center of each.

Ostrich pompons, small white mercury wings, tiny ostrich feathers and large white down pompons are the most popular hair ornaments in feathers.

Shoes and Gloves.

The most dressy evening shoes have large rosette shaped flowers in place of a buckle—namely, either a rose chrysanthemum or a dahlia, and sometimes a bunch of small blooms. Champagne-colored Suedes, made very long, are fashionable for the moment. They tone in with old lace, and they are bringing in lace insertions into some of these gloves. With elbow sleeves people are wearing the mitten sleeve—namely, a long mitten which forms a point over the hand something between a medieval cuff and the old original mitten.

French Canvas for Waists.

French canvas is being made up extensively into shirt waists, a favorite pattern consisting of stripes of color separated with a hairline of black. Mercerized chevrons, Oxford shirtings and mercerized madras are among the desirable fabrics for shirt waists. For shirt waist suits linen etamine is a favorite, as it develops so smartly, while foulard is as popular as ever, for nothing is cooler or more serviceable for hot weather.

Another Toque.



This toque is of burnt straw, trimmed with velvet and wings of black.

Tea Rolls.

One pint of warmed milk and one-half cup lard melted into it, two teaspoons of sugar, one yeast cake or one-half will do, flour to make a batter, set over night. In the morning add one-half teaspoon of saleratus in a little warm water, salt, one egg beaten, and flour to make a dough; let it rise very light, knead, roll into a sheet somewhat thinner

than for biscuit; cut out with a biscuit cutter, brush each one with hot lard and fold nearly in center, set close together in a greased pan, let rise till light and bake until a delicate brown. They are delicious.

New Model for Silk Waist.

Blouse of silk, slashed open in an original way over bands of satin, to which the edges are stitched down.



The plain yoke is cut in points and attached to the blouse in the same way.—Neuville Blouses.



BOUDOIR CHAT

Jet is very popular.

A few coats of reindeer are seen. Close-fitting hoods of fur are seen on fair motorists.

Glaze satin straw is one of the spring novelties.

Luxurious Nimrods are wearing leather fur-lined hunting suits.

Pipings are to be very much in evidence on spring gowns.

The newest street gowns show innumerable little capes on shoulders, hips and sleeves.

The Coming Width of Skirts.

No one can lay down any rule for the making and cut of the skirts of the immediate future, but everything points to their being shorter and much fuller. We are copying the idea of them from some of the mediaeval dresses, that were much gathered and plaited to within some inches below the waist. Such skirts are generally trimmed round with bands of some contrasting material trimmed square at the neck with lace, the sleeves puffed from the gatherings on the shoulder to above the wrist, where there are more gathers. You can see plenty of these skirts just now on the stage, where there are many examples of skirts which just touch the ground.

Loose Jackets.

Some delightful loose jackets suitable for the lounge and essentially smart are being brought over from Paris. It is difficult to describe them, for no two are alike. They are after the Eton order, inasmuch that they do not come below the waist, but though some of them fit at the back, they are all loose in front, and often fly back so that the lower points of the front droop over the waistband and the sleeves are not much beyond elbow length, ending in long points below it. They generally have cape collars, and some are made in light-colored velvets trimmed with point lace, but fur is not considered a suitable trimming.

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U. S. Cadets Take Notice.

Up in Oregon the students have a new method of hazing. In Lane county they compelled the initiate to sit with feet and legs in ice cold water for an hour. Both legs had to be amputated.—Galveston News.

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To laugh at spinsterhood nowadays is to display ignorance of women, and assuredly the very last way in the world to persuade her into matrimony. It is tolerably clear that when a woman wants to marry she generally manages to achieve her object. When she prefers a "bachelor" life it may be taken as equally certain that she is best securing her own happiness and probably that of others.—Lady's Pictorial.

Will Carry Cotton Free.

It is officially announced that through the influence of Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary of Great Britain, the West African railways would give free carriage to cotton for two years, and that the steamship companies were willing to carry the first 1,000 tons of cotton to Liverpool without charge for freight.

Ravages of the Boll Weevil.

A movement is under way in the South for an organized campaign looking to the extermination of the boll weevil, an insect which is extremely destructive to cotton plants, Texas estimating her loss for the past season at \$20,000,000 due to the ravages of the weevil.

Quarrel Over Marconi.

Marconi has lived to see two Italian cities quarrelling about their claims to his fame. He was born in Bologna, but spent his schoolboy years in Florence, where he was a very indifferent and careless student.

Cure for Drunkenness.

The French Gen. Passerieu suggests that the soldiers who give way to drink should be treated as persons suffering from illness, and that they should be segregated and treated by the regimental doctors.